

REMARKS

On Wednesday, March 21, 2007, Applicant Richard Roman and Applicant's attorney, Jean C. Baker, interviewed Examiners Ileana Popa and her supervisor, Examiner Joe Woitach. Applicants and their attorney thank the Examiners for their helpful suggestions and the courtesy of their time.

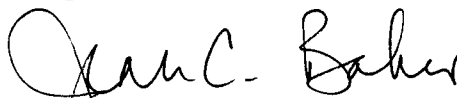
Dr. Roman, Atty. Baker and the Examiners discuss the outstanding § 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection concerning whether Applicants should be required to deposit samples of their diabetic nephropathy rat model. After discussion, the Examiners agreed that Applicants had adequately addressed § 112 standards and would not need to deposit the rat.

Atty. Baker asked the Examiners if Applicants could re-join claims to the rat itself (composition claims) to the currently pending method claims. The Examiners encouraged Atty. Baker to submit claims and said that they would review them. In that light, claim 1 has been revised and claims 3-8 have been resubmitted. Applicant has submitted new claims 16 and 17 in a "product by process" format as suggested by the Examiners.

Fees

No additional fees are believed due; however, if any fees are due, in this or any subsequent response, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,



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